

**REMARKS**

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 40-42 will be pending. Applicant disagrees with the rejections presented by the Office Action dated June 30, 2004. However, for the sole purpose of compact prosecution, Applicant cancels claims 37, 38 and 39, without prejudice, and amends claim 40. Amended claim 40 is fully supported by the specification at, for example, page 26 lines 6-9, and Figures 3 and 4. No new matter has been added.

In a telephonic communication on or about November 30, 2004, Examiner Jane Zara indicated to Mr. Quan Nguyen (Applicant's representative) that claim 40 would be allowable if it recites oligonucleotides ISIS 14182 and ISIS 14283 identified in Figure 4. Page 26 lines 6-9 and Figure 3 clarifies that ISIS 14182 and ISIS 14283 both have the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1. Since amended claim 40 recites SEQ ID NO: 1, amended claim 40 recites oligonucleotides ISIS 14182 and ISIS 14283 as per Examiner Zara. Thus, Applicant submits that the claim 40 and the respective dependent claims are in condition for allowance, and an early Office Action to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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